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**GGUSD Board of Education Authorizes
Independent Committee to Oversee "Measure A" Bonds**

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The Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education approved the formation this week of an independent committee charged with monitoring the use of funds authorized through "Measure A," the \$250-million school-modernization bond measure passed by GGUSD voters in June.

At its meeting of Tuesday, Oct. 5, the Board authorized the establishment of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), an all-volunteer body responsible for maintaining transparency in the use of Measure A proceeds.

States law requires diversity on bond oversight committees, with members from business, parents, senior citizens, taxpayers, school-parent organizations, and at-large. In addition, it was the Board's direction to ensure there was representation across all geographic areas of the GGUSD.

Following a review of applications, 13 district residents were named to the CBOC. They are: (at-large representatives) John Bankston, Nicolas Constantino, Larry Dabalack, Ferdinand Faustino, Kent Freeman, Lac T. Nguyen, Earl Smith, and Jeffery Trader; (senior citizen group representatives) Barbara Barker and Lila Held; (PTA parent representatives) Keith Drohan and Ted Stevens Jr.; and (business representative) Daniel McLeith.

"We wish to extend our appreciation to the appointees for their commitment to community service and clear interest in the success of the district as it embarks on improvement projects supported by Measure A," said Board of Education President Bob Harden. "Committee members receive no compensation other than the satisfaction of knowing they are helping provide better learning environments for our 49,000 students."

Measure A, passed by district voters on June 8, authorizes \$250 million in bonds and enables the GGUSD to qualify for as much as \$200 million in matching state school bond funds for large-scale infrastructure repair and modernization projects. The first

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issuance, \$130 million in general obligation bonds, was sold to investors late last month.

Bond proceeds, coupled with state matching funds, will help finance such major improvements as renovating electrical circuitry, plumbing, lighting, roofing, intercom, and fire safety systems; improving energy efficiency; replacing doors, windows, and outdated heating and ventilation systems; updating playground safety matting; upgrading telecommunications systems to accommodate current technology; replacing restroom and drinking fountain fixtures; and retrofitting schools for better accessibility for the disabled.

Plans for Measure A modernization projects have been filed with the state Office of Public School Construction and the Division of the State Architect. Pending state approvals and funding, the bond projects are expected to begin next year.

For additional information, call the district's Public Information Office at (714) 663-6503, or go online to the 'Measure A' link from the GGUSD website, or navigate directly to www.ggusd.us/measurea.html. Measure A questions may also be directed by e-mail to askmeasurea@ggusd.us.

The Garden Grove Unified School District serves most of Garden Grove and portions of Santa Ana, Westminster, Fountain Valley, Cypress, Stanton, and Anaheim.